

## Nunes helps bury the death tax

Rep. Devin Nunes voted to permanently repeal the Death Tax—an outdated practice that could tax the estate and business assets of the deceased by as much as 47 percent.

“The permanent end of the death tax means future generations of family-owned businesses and farms in Fresno and Tulare counties don’t have to face closure upon the death of the original owner,” Rep. Devin Nunes said. “Small businesses and family farms are



the backbone of our economy. We need to do everything we can to ensure they have every opportunity to succeed.”

More than 70 percent of family businesses do not survive the second generation; 87 percent do not make it to the third generation, according to the Center for the Study of Taxation. While heirs to family business work to carry an enterprise to the next generation, the government immediately “inherits” a 47 percent bite of the estate, a blow that many small businesses cannot survive.

The threat of the Death

Tax forces small-business owners to pay for expensive “estate planning” if they want to keep their business in the family.

The Heritage Foundation estimates that the tax costs the American economy between 170,000 and 250,000 jobs annually. Similarly, the Joint Economic Committee noted that the Death Tax reduces the stock in the economy by \$497 billion, or 3.2 percent.

“Death should not be a taxable event,” Rep. Nunes said. “I hope the Senate will act quickly to pass this important legislation.”

## Nunes helps lead charge on national energy bill

Rep. Devin Nunes hailed the passage of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 in April, which provides the nation a sound, comprehensive energy policy that will create the jobs our citizens need and deserve.

“You need look no further than the gas pump to see what the effect of not having an energy policy has done to our country,” Rep. Nunes said. “Our nation is too dependent on an unpredictable foreign oil market that’s being stretched to the limit by global demands.”

America is in the midst of an energy crisis that threatens national and economic security. The House legislation does a number of things to address the crisis.

It reduces our dependence on foreign oil by expanding domestic supplies and allowing oil and gas exploration right here in the United States. Incentives are provided for the energy industry to increase refining capacity for gasoline, diesel fuel, home heating oil and

jet fuel.

Rep. Nunes has long been an advocate of exploring energy resources in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and is one of only a few members of Congress who has actually visited the proposed site.

“This legislation provides a clear path toward the more efficient, reliable and affordable energy policy that our citizens deserve,” he said.



### Quick Facts

In March, Rep. Nunes organized tours of the U.S. Capitol, Library of Congress, Supreme Court, Kennedy Center, National Archives, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and Mt. Vernon for 285 constituents.

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educational institutions.

“I think this summit was a tremendous success,” Rep. Nunes said. “I am excited about some of the ideas generated here and look forward to pursuing

them in the months to come.”

Last June, the congressman formed an advisory group of industry leaders to outline problem areas in recruiting and training

health care technicians with the aim of holding a summit to refine ideas and develop an implementation strategy.